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Amendments to the Claims:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Original): A method for testing arbitration logic or bus-mastering logic associated with a digital logic device, the method comprising:
- receiving a request at a secondary component coupled to a primary component through arbitration logic, the request characteristic of a primary component request;
 - determining a pseudo-random delay prior to responding to the request; and pseudo-randomly delaying a response to the request.
- 2. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein pseudo-randomly delaying comprises: adjusting the wait-state and/or latency.
- 3. (Original): The method of claim 2, wherein adjusting the wait-state and/or latency comprises: selecting a time delay from a delay mechanism.
- 4. (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein the delay mechanism is a linear feedback shift register.
- 5. (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein the delay mechanism uses cyclical redundancy checking.
- 6. (Original): The method of claim 5, wherein responding to the request comprises: sending a response from the secondary component to the primary component.
- 7. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the arbitration logic is a simultaneous multiple primary component switching fabric.
- 8. (Original): The method of claim 7, wherein a plurality of secondary components are coupled to a plurality of primary components through the simultaneous multiple primary component switching fabric.

- 9. (Original): The method of claim 8, wherein the plurality of secondary components generate pseudo-random delays for requests from the plurality of primary components.
- 10. (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein the plurality of secondary components pseudorandom delay responses to requests from the plurality of primary components.
- 11. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the pseudo-random delay is used to adjust the wait-state of the secondary component.
- 12. (Original): The method of claim I, wherein the pseudo-random delay is used to adjust the latency of the secondary component.
- 13. (Currently Amended): A secondary component, comprising:
- an interface coupled to an interconnection module, the interface configured to communicate with a primary component through the interconnection module; and
- a delay mechanism configured to determine values operable to delay responses to requests received through the interconnection module, wherein the values are pseudo-randomly generated values.
- 14. (Original): The secondary component of claim 13, wherein the delay mechanism is configured to adjust the weit-state if the request is either a write request or a read request.
- 15. (Canceled)
- 16. (Currently Amended): The secondary component of claim 1315, wherein the delay mechanism is a linear feedback shift register.
- 17. (Currently Amended): The secondary component of claim 1315, wherein the delay mechanism uses cyclical redundancy checking.
- 18. (Currently Amended): The secondary component of claim 1315, wherein the delay mechanism is configured to initiate a counter to execute the time delay.

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- 20. (Currently Amended): The secondary component of claim 1345, wherein the delay mechanism is configured to adjust the wait-state associated with the secondary component.
- 21. (Currently Amended): A programmable chip, comprising:
 - a plurality of primary components;
- a plurality of secondary components operable to receive requests from the plurality of primary components; and

arbitration logic coupling the plurality of primary components to the plurality of secondary components, the arbitration logic operable to arbitrate primary component access requests for secondary components;

wherein the plurality of secondary components are configured to determine delay values for adjusting response times to requests received through arbitration logic, wherein the values are pseudo-randomly generated values.

- 22. (Original): The programmable chip of claim 21, wherein the plurality of primary and secondary components include processor and memory components.
- 23. (Original): The programmable chip of claim 21, wherein the plurality of secondary components are configured to adjust latency characteristics associated with response times.
- 24. (Original): The programmable chip of claim 21, wherein the plurality of secondary components are configured to adjust wait-state characteristics associated with response times.
- 25. (Original): The programmable chip of claim 21, wherein delay values are determined using a linear feedback shift register.
- 26. (Original): The programmable chip of claim 21, wherein delay values are determined using cyclical redundancy checking.
- 27. (Original): The programmable chip of claim 21, wherein the arbitration logic is operable to provide access to secondary components for multiple primary components simultaneously.

28. (Original): An apparatus for testing arbitration logic associated with a programmable chip system, the apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a request at a secondary component coupled to a primary component through arbitration logic, the request characteristic of a primary component request; means for determining a pseudo-random delay prior to responding to the request; and means for pseudo-randomly delaying a response to the request.

- 29. (Original): The apparatus of claim 28, wherein pseudo-randomly delaying comprises: means for adjusting the wait-state and/or latency.
- 30. (Original): The apparatus of claim 28, further comprising: means for sending the delayed response from the secondary component to the primary component.